

MATTERS HOLDING THE EXECUTIVE TO ACCOUNT

76/05 - **2005/06 CORPORATE BASKET OF PI'S QUARTER THREE REPORT:** The Performance Officer submitted a written report to outline the performance in Quarter 3 of 2005/06 on those performance indicators (PI's) included within the Council's corporate basket of PI's for which the Commission was responsible. The Performance Officer advised that there were three PI's which had been referred to within the report in relation to BV128 Vehicle Crimes per 1,000 population, LDL3 the number of customers at Council run sports and leisure facilities and BV183A the length of stay in temporary accommodation (B&B).

The Performance Officer advised that BV128 in relation to vehicle crimes received allocated a red traffic light at quarter 3 with a figure of 4.13, the quarter 3 target was 3.45 per 1000 population. It was noted that the Community Safety Executive was closely monitoring this indicator, and that the three-year target was to reduce the performance to 4.0 per 1,000 population by 2008. The 2005/06 target was 4.6%. In relation to indicator LDL3 the number of customers at Council run sports and leisure facilities, this particular indicator had received an amber light, which showed that the indicator was between 0.5% and 4% off meeting its target. Members of the Commission queried actions taken by the Department of Community Services to increase attendance at Council sport and leisure facilities and were particularly concerned since the month of January tended to be a good month for boosting attendances at sports facilities. In relation to BV183a regarding the length of stay in temporary accommodation, this indicator had been awarded a green light, which showed that the indicator had met or exceeded its target, and indeed the length of stay in bed and breakfast accommodation had been reduced to just two weeks from three weeks.

The Chair invited Members of the Commission to consider whether they would wish to invite various officers to provide additional information in relation to the three indicators referred to in the Performance Officer's report. Members queried the indicator relating to vehicle crimes per 1,000 population and the actions that the Police or the Council could take to improve this particular indicator. It was noted that BV128 was actually a Police indicator, and that whilst the Council could not do anything directly to improve the situation, the Council did have a responsibility through the Safer Communities Partnership to work towards the reduction of crime, including vehicle crime and Councillor Wilson queried where blame would rest if this target were missed and whether there were any penalties which would be imposed upon the Council, if indeed it was found that the Council were not acting responsibly. It was agreed that Members would wish to see a brief report submitted to the Commission on the kinds of action being taken by the Police and the Council to reduce vehicle crime and work towards the improvement of this particular performance indicator. Councillor Hoult referred to the Partnership work undertaken by the Council with the Police, and referred to the kind of activities undertaken by the Council to help to reduce vehicle crime. Councillor Wilson queried whether the Council was doing all it could to help the Police in this regard, and the Scrutiny Officer reminded Members that there was a report due for consideration at

the next meeting of the Commission to be held in March in relation to CCTV and Community Safety which might provide an opportunity to question the Head of Public Protection upon this matter. It was then agreed that the Scrutiny Officer would investigate the possibility of arranging a visit for those Members of the Commission who were interested in the workings of the CCTV Control Room and the liaison arrangements with the Police and that the Scrutiny Officer would also liaise with the Head of Public Protection regarding the possibility of inviting representatives from the Police to attend the next Commission meeting with the Head of Public Protection.

Councillor Chapman queried whether the cafeteria at the Hydro had been reopened, and whether this had in some way affected attendance at the Hydro in relation to LDL3, the numbers of customers at Council run sports and leisure facilities. It was agreed that the Head of Leisure, Museums and Arts would be invited to submit a brief report to Members of the Commission to provide an update on the progress made regarding the performance of the newly refurbished Brimhams Fitness Suite in attracting new members and in attracting a higher number of customers to Council run sports and leisure facilities including the Hydro and Brimhams.

(5.33 pm –5.50 pm)